

## CHURCH NOTES – July 5, 2020

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**NEW BABIES** Congratulations to Will and Jenny Black on the birth of their son, Collin Edward Black, born on June 23, 2020. He is the grandson of Sue and Al Ward. Congratulations to Bailey and Hannah King on the birth of their son, Henry King, on June 30, 2020. His big brother is Charlie.

**SAPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB** Join us as we dive into six amazing books this summer. Groups will meet twice over the next few months to discuss. Each group will pick meeting times after sign-ups are completed. A list of the books can be found in the weekly email and the [sign up link](#). Please register by Monday, July 6.

**THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD** Join us this summer as the most beloved and adventurous Bible stories capture our imaginations and pierce our hearts. [The schedule of stories and additional resources are available](#) on the website. Worship is livestreaming on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.

**WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR OFFICIAL SAPC PODCAST** Listen to past sermons, children's chapels, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** We are very excited to have launched our new children's chapel format. Chapel will be hosted live on Thursdays, 9:30am on the SAPC Facebook page and posted to the [website](#). Join us for songs, prayer, crafts, and creative Bible stories. We are excited about our summer sermon series "The Greatest Stories Ever Told" and can't wait to share these stories with our children. Check out our [children's resources](#).

**ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** Join us for a special virtual worship service on July 12, 10:30am, as the Elders, Class of 2023 are ordained and installed. Their bios can be found in the July Spire.

### RETHINKING CHURCH

- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- The best way to contact staff is via email. If you need to reach out by phone, please call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a voice message on the extension of the appropriate staff person.
- For pastoral care emergencies please leave a message on Reverend Raible's extension.
- If you are a Selwyn member and not receiving our weekly email, please email [Marsha Cooper](#). We will get your email added to our database and online member directory. With parent permission, we would like to add email addresses of Middle and High School youth. Thank you for helping our communication efforts.
- We continue to offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Zoom is an easily accessible online platform and app. A schedule of links to online gatherings can be found on our website and via emails.

**YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES** are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead. Thank you to all who have embraced the online Text to Give platform. Instructions for using:

- Text 704-734-9818.
- Enter an amount.
- The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- Key words are:
  - GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)
  - COVID (a special offering in response to the needs of Montclaire Elementary and Urban Ministry Center)
  - 75 (a gift to the Roots and Wings fund)
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.

**MISSION INVOLVEMENT** We continue to respond to needs related to children in need, hunger and homelessness.

- Augustine Literacy Project invites you to participate in one of their Virtual Information Sessions on July 7, 23 or 30 at 10:30 via Zoom. [Register](#) for a session or learn more by contacting [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#).
- Saturday, July 11 Lunches for Roof Above (formerly Urban Ministry Center): We are looking for 20 families to make 10 lunches each and drop the prepared lunches off at the church that morning by 10am. Lunches need to include: two sandwiches or a canned protein, fruit, a carb, dessert and a water. The food, any eating utensils, and a napkin should be packed in a paper or gallon sized bag. Sign up to help. Questions, contact [Christy Parbst](#). The next date for lunches will be July 25.
- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for Roof Above. Their requests change daily and are updated on [their website](#). If interested, please order from their Amazon list and ship directly to them.
- Hunger and Children: We continue to give grocery store gift cards to Montclair Elementary families. You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy cards. Our food pantry will resume after school starts. Please email [Lisa McLennan](#) with any questions.

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Selwyn Life Class Sunday School, First and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Virtual Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel of John, Tuesdays, 11am.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

**ALL CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT** Everyone is invited to join the Zoom all-church trivia night on Sunday, July 19 at 5pm. It takes a little over an hour to play. [Sign-up](#) to play. Questions contact [Margo](#).

**YOUTH GROUPS** Margo will send emails for summer opportunities. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

- Youth Dinner and Games, July 9, 6:30 - 8pm, on the church lawn. [Sign-up](#) if you would like to participate.
- Montreat Youth Picnic, July 14, 7pm, on the church lawn.
- Youth Virtual Game Nights, July 17 and July 31, 6pm.
- Senior Baccalaureate Service, July 26, 7:30pm, on the church lawn.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, July 5 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, July 27, 9am	Tuesday, July 7 11:00 Virtual Encounters with Jesus  Thursday, July 9 9:30 Virtual Children's Chapel 6:30 Youth Dinner and Games (lawn)	Friday, July 10 7:00 Men's Group  Saturday, July 11 10:00 Roof Above Lunches  Sunday, July 12 10:30 Worship Online